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PROJECT IN VIETNAM

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1. IN TRIPARTITE MEETING JUNE 16 INVOLVING SALAS, USDEL
AND JAPANESE, JAPANESE AGAIN STATED THEIR READINESS TO
PROCEED WITH ARRANGEMENT UNDER WHICH PORTION OF JAPANESE
CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE USED TO FINANCE RESETTLEMENT PARTS
OF VIETNAM PROGRAM. MEETING THEN PROCEEDED TO DISCUSS
HANDLING OF JAPANESE OFFER AND UNFPA RESPONSE. SCENARIO
FOR GOVERNING COUNCIL WOULD INCLUDE INITIAL STATEMENT BY
JAPANESE FOLLOWED BY SALAS STATEMENT ON USE OF JAPANESE
CONTRIBUTION IN VIETNAM PROGRAM. PROPOSED SALAS RESPONSE
TO STATEMENT BY JAPANESE WENT THROUGH SEVERAL DRAFTS IN
ORDER TO MEET U.S. REQUIREMENTS. TEXTS OF PROPOSED JAPAN-
ESE AND SALAS STATEMENTS GIVEN BELOW (PARAS 5 AND 6)

2. DURING DRAFTING OF SALAS STATEMENT CONSIDERATION WAS
GIVEN TO HAVING STATEMENT SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFY THOSE
PROJECTS IN VIETNAM PROGRAM WHICH WOULD BE FUNDED FROM
JAPANESE CONTRIBUTION OR, ALTERNATIVELY, TO REFERRING TO
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"THOSE COMPONENTS OF THE VIETNAM PROGRAM DIRECTLY RELATED
TO POPULATION REDISTRIBUTION." HOWEVER, SALAS FEARS
SUCH SPECIFIC REFERENCES MAY GIVE RISE TO QUESTIONS FROM
OTHER DELEGATIONS AND CONSEQUENT DEBATE. IN ORDER TO
MEET U.S. REQUIREMENTS AND ASSUPPLEMENT TO HIS PROPOSED
STATEMENT IN THE COUNCIL REPRODUCED BELOW SALAS IS PRE-
PARED TO ADDRESS LETTER TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES IN

WHICH HE WILL SPECIFICALLY STATE THAT THOSE PROJECTS OF THE VIETNAM PROGRAM LISTED IN THE MAYNES-SALAS LETTER WILL BE FUNDED FROM THE JAPANESE CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNFPA PURSUANT TO THE JAPANESE STATEMENT IN THE GOVERNING COUNCIL AND NOT FROM THE GENERAL RESOURCES OF UNFPA. HE ALSO PROMISED TO ARRANGE FOR APPROPRIATE FOOTNOTING OF THE UNFPA MONTHLY STATEMENT OF THE STATUS OF PLEDGES AND CONTRIBUTIONS AS A MEANS OF IDENTIFYING THE JAPANESE FUNDING OF THE RESETTLEMENT PORTIONS OF THE VIETNAM PROGRAM. WE TOLD SALAS WE WOULD INFORM DEPARTMENT OF TEXTS OF PROPOSED STATEMENTS AND OF NATURE OF LETTER HE PROPOSED SENDING TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES.

3. BEYOND THE STATEMENTS QUOTED BELOW, SALAS HOPES TO AVOID ANY DEBATE ON THE VIETNAM PROGRAM OR THE MORE GENERAL THEME OF USE OF UNFPA RESOURCES IN THE AREA OF POPULATION REDISTRIBUTION. HE HAS SECURED AGREEMENT OF UK DEL (WHICH INTENDS TO SPEAK TO THIS POINT) TO LIMIT UK INTERVENTION TO A PASSING REMARK ON THIS TYPE OF PROGRAM AND TO EXPRESSING EXPECTATION THAT THE ISSUE WOULD BE DEBATED IN A MORE APPROPRIATE FORUM, NAMELY ECOSOC. IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES USDEL WOULD ALSO STATE ITS VIEW THAT GENERAL POLICY QUESTION OF USE OF UNFPA RESOURCES TO SUPPORT POPULATION REDISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS NEEDS FURTHER EXAMINATION AND SUPPORT HAVING ISSUE EXAMINED IN ECOSOC.

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4. USDEL BELIEVES THAT PROPOSED FORMULATIONS COUPLED WITH PROMISED SALAS-MAYNES LETTER WOULD SATISFY OUR IMMEDIATE CONCERN REGARDING VIETNAM PROGRAM. IF DEPARTMENT AGREES, WE WOULD SO INFORM SALAS AND JAPANESE. AS REGARDS OUR HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS PER PARA 2, REF D, OUR RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE TO HAVE SALAS AGREE TO INCLUDE IN HIS LETTER TO MAYNES ASSURANCES THAT UNFPA IS ALSO SENSITIVE TO THE NEED TO RESPECT THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY THE PROGRAM AND THAT UNFPA WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SATISFY ITSELF ON THAT SCORE.

5. PROPOSED JAPANESE STATEMENT:

BEGIN TEXT: MY DELEGATION HAS TAKEN NOTE WITH INTEREST OF MR. SALAS' STATEMENT THAT THE FUND IS RECEIVING AN INCREASING NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT REQUESTS IN AREAS SUCH AS POPULATION DISTRIBUTION, MIGRATION AND INTEGRATED RURAL (COMMUNITY) DEVELOPMENT.

MY DELEGATION HOPES THAT A PORTION OF THE INCREASED CONTRIBUTION OF MY GOVERNMENT TO UNFPA WILL BE UTILIZED, ESPECIALLY IN ASIA, FOR SATISFYING THESE IMPORTANT

EMERGING NEEDS WITHIN UNFPA'S MANDATE. END TEXT.

6. PROPOSED UNFPA RESPONSE:

BEGIN TEXT: I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS
GENEROUS OFFER OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IN ALLOCATING
A PART OF ITS CONTRIBUTION TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE
GROWING AREA OF POPULATION REDISTRIBUTION, MIGRATION
AND INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT. THE UNFPA WILL
THEREFORE UTILIZE A TOTAL OF ABOUT DOLS 3.5 MILLION OF THE

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INCREASED JAPANESE CONTRIBUTION FOR THE VIETNAMESE
PROGRAMME INVOLVING SUCH POPULATION ACTIVITIES IN THE NEW
ECONOMIC ZONES. CONSEQUENTLY THE BALANCE OF THE PROGRAMME
WILL BE FINANCED FROM THE GENERAL FUND. END TEXT.

7. UNFPA ITEM (18) HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL JUNE 20
BECAUSE CONFERENCE IS RUNNING BEHIND SCHEDULE.
VANDEN HEUVEL

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